Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.R. 3288, Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages \$9489-\$9573

Measures Introduced: Eleven bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1679–1689, and S. Res. 273–274. Pages S9554–55

Measures Reported:

S. 1679, to make quality, affordable health care available to all Americans, reduce costs, improve health care quality, enhance disease prevention, and strengthen the health care workforce.

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Measures Passed:

Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act: By 73 yeas to 25 nays (Vote No. 287), Senate passed H.R. 3288, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, agreeing to the committee-reported amendment in the nature of a substitute, as amended, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: Pages S9532-41 Adopted:

Landrieu Amendment No. 2365, to amend the Disaster Relief and Recovery Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2008. Page S9532

Rejected:

By 34 yeas to 62 nays (Vote No.283), Vitter Modified Amendment No. 2359, to prohibit the use of funds for households that include convicted drug dealing or domestic violence offenders or members of violent gangs that occupy rebuilt public housing in New Orleans.

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By 43 yeas to 53 nays (Vote No. 284), DeMint Amendment No. 2410, to limit the use of funds for the John Murtha Johnstown-Cambria County Airport.

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By 37 yeas to 60 nays (Vote No. 285), McCain Modified Amendment No. 2403, to prohibit the use of funds to carry out the Brownfields Economic Development Initiative program administered by the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

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By 34 yeas to 64 nays (Vote No. 286), Kyl motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations, with instructions to report the same back to the Senate forthwith with Kyl Amendment No. 2421 (to the instructions on Kyl motion to commit the bill), relating to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

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Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair was authorized to appoint the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Murray, Byrd, Mikulski, Kohl, Durbin, Dorgan, Leahy, Harkin, Feinstein, Johnson, Lautenberg, Specter, Inouye, Bond, Shelby, Bennett, Hutchison, Brownback, Alexander, Collins, Voinovich, and Cochran.

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Commemorating Dr. Norman Borlaug: Senate agreed to S. Res. 273, commemorating Dr. Norman Borlaug, recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize, Congressional Gold Medal, Presidential Medal of Freedom, and founder of the World Food Prize.

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Peace Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 274, supporting the goals and ideals of Peace Day.

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Measures Considered:

Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act—Agreement: Senate began consideration of H.R. 2996, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto:

Pages S9499-S9532, S9541-45

Adopted:

By 85 yes to 11 nays (Vote No. 289), Johanns Amendment No. 2394, prohibiting use of funds to fund the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now (ACORN). Pages S9517–20, S9541–45

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate resume consideration of the bill